



RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

OF

TREGARON
CARDIGANSHIRE



PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT

ANNUAL REPORT

1959

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH:

Dulyn Thomas, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H.

PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR AND SURVEYOR.

B. W. James, A.R.San.I., M.S.I.A.

TREGARON RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

Chairman
1958/59

Chairman
1959/60

Councillor D. T. Lloyd

Councillor D. J. Arch

19 members including the chairman

Public health matters are considered by the whole Council.

Clerk of the Council - Elwyn Howells, Esq.,

Council Offices,

Tregaron.

Telephone No: Tregaron 248.

To the Chairman and Members of the
Tregaron Rural District Council.

PREFACE.

I have pleasure in presenting the Annual Report of the Health Department for the year ended 31st December, 1959.

The number of registered live births for the year was eighty three, an increase of twenty on the figure for 1958 and an increase of thirty nine on the figure for 1957. The birth rate expressed as per thousand population was higher in the Tregaron district last year than in England and Wales. It is the first time this has happened since we started publishing these Annual Reports. Three infants died under the age of four weeks and there were two stillbirths. No mother died as a result of childbirth.

The number of registered deaths was seventy nine compared to ninety six the previous year. Thirteen persons died of cancer, eight from vascular lesion of the nervous system (stroke) and thirty six from heart disease.

The only case of infectious disease notified during the year was one case of scarlet fever. There were three new cases of Tuberculosis and two persons died of this disease.

A more detailed account of the work of the Health Department will be found in the ensuing pages. The portion prepared by Mr. B. W. James, the Council's Public Health Inspector is most comprehensive and gives an indication of the thoroughness with which he carried out his duties.

Plans were prepared during the year for the building of bungalows for the aged at Tregaron, Llanddewi Brefi and Pontrhydfendigaid. Two Public Conveniences were completed and other contemplated and schemes are being prepared for sewerage and sewage disposal to serve certain villages in the District. I feel that as Medical Officer of Health I should express my gratitude to you as members of the Tregaron Rural District Council and to the Clerk to the Council for the great improvements that are taking place and contemplated in the sphere of Public Health.



Digitized by the Internet Archive
in 2016 with funding from
Wellcome Library

<https://archive.org/details/b28880122>

SUMMARY OF GENERAL STATISTICS

| | | | | | | | |
|--|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|---------|
| Area (in acres) ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 121,546 |
| Population (Census 1951).. | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 5,450 |
| Population (Registrar General's Mid-Year 1959). | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 4,970 |
| Rateable Value at 1st April, 1959 | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | £22,796 |
| Rateable Value at 1st April, 1960 | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | £22,996 |
| Sum represented by a penny rate 1959/60. | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | £84 |
| Estimated sum to be obtained by a penny rate 1960/61.. | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | £86 |

SUMMARY OF VITAL STATISTICS

| <u>SUMMARY OF VITAL STATISTICS</u> | | | | | | | <u>Total</u> | <u>Male</u> | <u>Female</u> |
|--|-----|-----|-----|-----|--------|------|--------------|-------------|---------------|
| Number of registered live births | ... | ... | ... | ... | Leg: | 82 | 46 | 36 | |
| | | | | | Illeg: | 1 | 1 | - | |
| Number of registered still births | ... | ... | ... | ... | Leg: | 1 | - | 1 | |
| | | | | | Illeg: | 1 | - | 1 | |
| Number of deaths of infants under 1 year | ... | ... | ... | ... | Leg: | 3 | 1 | 2 | |
| | | | | | Illeg: | - | - | - | |
| Number of deaths of infants under 4 weeks | ... | ... | ... | ... | Leg: | 3 | 1 | 2 | |
| | | | | | Illeg: | - | - | - | |
| Number of deaths of women ascribed to childbirth | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | Nil | | | |
| Number of registered deaths | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 79 | 33 | 46 | |
| Area comparability factor for births | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1.18 | | | |
| Area comparability factor for deaths | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 0.85 | | | |

Vital Statistics for the Area

with Comparative figures for Cardiganshire and England and Wales where applicable.

| | Tregaron Rural | Cardiganshire | England and Wales |
|---|-------------------|---------------|----------------------|
| No. of live births - male | 47 | 423 | |
| No. of live births - female | 36 | 354 | |
| Total number of live births | 83 | 777 | |
| Live birth rate per 1000 population | 16.70 | 14.63 | 16.5 |
| No. of still-births | 2 | 16 | |
| Still-birth rate per 1000 live and still births | 23.53 | 20.18 | 20.7 |
| Infant deaths (under 1 year) | 3 | 18 | |
| Infant mortality rate per 1000 live births - total | 36.14 | 23.17 | 22.0 |
| Infant mortality rate per 1000 live births - legitimate | 36.14 | 24.13 | |
| Infant mortality rate per 1000 live births - illegitimate | . . 0 | 32.26 | |
| Neo-natal mortality rate per 1000 live births - (first four weeks) | 36.14 | 20.59 | |
| Illegitimate live births per cent of tota live births | 1.20 | 3.99 | |
| Maternal deaths including abortion | Nil | . . 0 | |
| Maternal mortality rate per 1000 live and still births | 0 | 0 | |
| Total number of deaths | 79 | 789 | |
| Death rate per 1000 population | 15.89 | 14.86 | 11.6 |

Area comparability factor for births 1.18

Area comparability factor for deaths 0.85

CAUSES OF DEATH

Registrar General's

Number of deaths

Code Number

Causes of Death

Male Female Total

| | | | | |
|----|--|----|----|----|
| 1 | Tuberculosis, respiratory | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| 2 | Tuberculosis, other | - | - | - |
| 3 | Syphilitic disease | - | - | - |
| 4 | Diphtheria | - | - | - |
| 5 | Whooping cough | - | - | - |
| 6 | Meningococcal infections | - | - | - |
| 7 | Acute poliomyelitis | - | - | - |
| 8 | Measles | - | - | - |
| 9 | Other infective and parasitic diseases | - | - | - |
| 10 | Malignant neoplasm, stomach | 4 | 1 | 5 |
| 11 | Malignant neoplasm lung, bronchus | 1 | - | 1 |
| 12 | Malignant neoplasm, breast | - | - | - |
| 13 | Malignant neoplasm, uterus | - | - | - |
| 14 | Other malignant & lymphatic neoplasms | 1 | 6 | 7 |
| 15 | Leukaemia, aleukaemia | - | - | - |
| 16 | Diabetes | - | - | - |
| 17 | Vascular lesions of nervous system | 2 | 6 | 8 |
| 18 | Coronary disease, angina | 5 | 2 | 7 |
| 19 | Hypertension with heart disease | - | 1 | 1 |
| 20 | Other heart disease | 12 | 16 | 28 |
| 21 | Other circulatory disease | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| 22 | Influenza | - | 1 | 1 |
| 23 | Pneumonia | - | 1 | 1 |
| 24 | Bronchitis | 1 | 4 | 5 |
| 25 | Other diseases of respiratory system | - | - | - |
| 26 | Ulcer of stomach and duodenum | - | - | - |
| 27 | Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea | - | - | - |
| 28 | Nephritis and nephrosis | 1 | - | 1 |
| 29 | Hyperplasia of prostate | - | - | - |
| 30 | Pregnancy, childbirth, abortion | - | - | - |
| 31 | Congenital malformations | - | - | - |
| 32 | Other defined and ill-defined diseases | 3 | 4 | 7 |
| 33 | Motor vehicle accidents | - | - | - |
| 34 | All other accidents | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| 35 | Suicide | - | - | - |
| 36 | Homicide and operations of war | - | - | - |

TOTAL

33

46

79

INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

The following is a list of the notifications of infectious disease, other than tuberculosis, received during the year.

| | | | | | | | |
|---|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|---|
| Cholera ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | - |
| Diphtheria.. | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | - |
| Dysentery (amoebic and bacillary) .. | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | - |
| Encephalitis | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | - |
| Erysipelas | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | - |
| Food poisoning | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | - |
| Malaria ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | - |
| Measles ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | - |
| Meningococcal meningitis .. | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | - |
| Ophthalmia neonatorum | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | - |
| Paratyphoid fever | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | - |
| Plague ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | - |
| Pneumonia (acute primary and acute influenzal) .. | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | - |
| Polioomyelitis | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | - |
| Puerperal Pyrexia.. | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | - |
| Relapsing fever | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | - |
| Scarlet fever | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1 |
| Smallpox ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | - |
| Typhoid fever | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | - |
| Typhus fever | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | - |
| Whooping cough | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | - |

TUBERCULOSIS

The following table shows the sex and age distribution of the new cases notified during the year.

| AGE GROUP | RESPIRATORY | | NON-RESPIRATORY | |
|-----------|-------------|--------|-----------------|--------|
| | Male | Female | Male | Female |
| 0 - 1 | | | | |
| 1 - 2 | | | | |
| 2 - 4 | | | | |
| 5 - 9 | | | | |
| 10 - 14 | | | 1 | |
| 15 - 19 | | | | |
| 20 - 24 | | | | |
| 25 - 34 | | | | |
| 35 - 44 | | | | |
| 45 - 54 | 1 | | | |
| 55 - 64 | | 1 | | |
| 65 - 74 | | | | |
| 75 + | | | | |
| TOTALS:- | 1 | 1 | 1 | - |

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES IN THE AREA.

These provisions are essentially the same as in the year 1958. They are briefly as follows:-

- (a) No ante-natal or post-natal clinic is held in the district by the local health authority. Expectant and nursing mothers receive medical advice from their own medical attendants.
- (b) An infant welfare clinic is held at Tregaron once a fortnight.
- (c) The domiciliary midwifery service is carried out by the district nurse who is also a State Certified Midwife.
- (d) A health visitor is resident at Pont Llanio and her area covers the greater part of the Rural District.
- (e) Home nursing is in the hands of the district nurse.
- (f) Poliomyelitis vaccination is carried out by the local health authority but immunisation against diphtheria is performed partly by the former and partly by the person's own medical attendant.
- (g) No ambulance is, at present, stationed at Tregaron. The district is covered by the Aberystwyth and Lampeter stations of the Ambulance Service.
- (h) Care and after-care are in the hands of the district nurse and of the health visitor. Tuberculosis cases are also followed up by the Chest Physician's health visitor.
- (i) Domestic help is provided by suitable persons engaged locally.
- (j) The town of Aberystwyth, 18 miles distant from the town of Tregaron is the centre upon which the principal general hospital in the county, the infectious diseases' hospital, the maternity home and the Medical Research Council's Area Public Health Laboratory are based.

SECTION 47 OF THE NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT, 1948.

No action was required to be taken under the above enactment during the year.

DULYN THOMAS
MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH.

Swyddfa'r Sir,
Aberystwyth.

May, 1960.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR AND SURVEYOR FOR 1959.

PREFACE

It gives me great pleasure to present my report for the year ended 31st December, 1959.

Although the high interest rate continued and restricted capital expenditure the Council nevertheless gave consideration to providing houses for the aged, public conveniences and sewerage and sewage disposal schemes. The Council is to be congratulated on this progressive outlook.

The growing need for old peoples homes resulted in the Council deciding to build bungalow-type dwellings at Llanddewi Brefi, Tregaron and Pontrhydfendigaid. It is anticipated that draft schemes will soon be available and that building may commence during the coming year.

The Council continued with their policy of providing public conveniences in the larger villages. The new public conveniences at Station Road, Tregaron were completed and new conveniences were commenced and completed at Pontrhydfendigaid. It was also decided to investigate the possibility of providing new public conveniences at Pontrhydygroes and Ysbyty Ystwyth.

Further consideration was given to sewerage and sewage disposal schemes at Llanddewi Brefi, Tregaron, Pontrhydfendigaid, Ysbyty Ystwyth and Pontrhydygroes. The Council considered draft schemes for Tregaron and Llanddewi Brefi and subsequently asked the Consulting Engineers to prepare formal schemes for submission to the Ministry and other bodies. The Engineers were also asked to prepare draft schemes for the villages of Pontrhydfendigaid and Pontrhydygroes with Ysbyty Ystwyth. The provision of such schemes in the near future is obviously essential and although progress is necessarily slow the Council are to be congratulated on recent developments.

The principal matters dealt with during the year are summarized in the following report.

HOUSING
RECORD OF NOTICE

| | | | | |
|--|-----|-----|-----|---|
| Number of Verbal Notices .. | ... | ... | ... | 6 |
| Number of Informal (Preliminary) Notices | ... | ... | ... | 2 |
| Number of Statutory Notices | ... | ... | ... | 0 |

RESULTS OF SERVICE OF NOTICE:

| | | |
|---|-----|---|
| Number of Verbal Notices Complied with .. | ... | 6 |
| Number of Informal Notices Complied with | ... | 2 |

Tabular Statement on Housing Statistics Required by Article 31 of the Housing Consolidated Regulations, 1925:-

| | | | | | |
|----|---|-----|-----|-----|------------|
| 1. | Number of Houses found Unfit after Inspection | ... | ... | ... | 3 |
| 2. | Number of Houses in which defects were remedied after Informal Action | 8 | | | |
| 3. | Number of Representations to Local Authority | ... | ... | ... | 1 |
| 4. | Number of Notices Requiring Execution of Works | ... | ... | ... | 0 |
| 5. | Number of Houses rendered fit after Formal Notice.. | ... | ... | ... | 0 |
| 6. | Number of Demolition or Closing Orders Made | ... | ... | ... | 0 |
| 7. | Number of Undertakings Accepted | ... | ... | ... | 1 (Verbal) |
| 8. | Number of Houses Demolished | ... | ... | ... | 0 |

Additional Statement on Housing Statistics.

| | | | | | | |
|----|----------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|---|
| 9. | Number of Undertakings Cancelled | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1 |
|----|----------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|---|

ACTION UNDER THE HOUSING ACTS:

(a) Representations of Unfit Houses etc: One representation was made under the Housing Acts in respect of a house unfit for human habitation.

(b) Acceptance From Owners of Undertakings Not to Let Unfit Dwellings; One (verbal) undertaking not to let an unfit house was accepted from the owners of 2, Mill Street, Llanddewi Brefi. Work has since been carried out to improve the house.

(c) Cancellation of Undertaking Not to let House: One undertaking - not to let a house until made fit for human habitation - was cancelled, this was in respect of 1 Gwarcwm, Pontrhydygroes.

(d) Purchase of Four Unfit Houses: The Council are proceeding with negotiations to purchase the four unfit houses at: Pentre Isaf, Tregaron. Consideration will then be given to improving these houses.

HOUSING IMPROVEMENT GRANTS.

FORMAL APPLICATIONS FOR GRANT, 1959.

(A) Discretionary Improvement Grants Approved:

| | | | | | |
|-----|---------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|---|
| (1) | Number of owner/occupied Houses | ... | ... | ... | 6 |
| (2) | Number of Rented Houses | ... | ... | ... | 3 |

Formal applications for discretionary improvement grants were received in respect of nine houses, but this figure does not include informal applications and queries. The amount of grant and total estimated cost of the work in each case is as follows:-

| Ref. No. | Premises | Amount of Grant Approved | Estimated Total Cost of Work |
|----------|----------------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------------|
| | | £ | £ |
| 59/1 | 2, Mill Street, Llanddewi Brefi. | 400 | 971 |
| 59/2 | Troedrhwi, Llangeitho. | 400 | 1,671 |
| 59/3 | Dewi House, Llanddewi Brefi. | 347 | 741 |
| 59/4 | Nantbyruchaf, Tyngraig. | 323 | 734 |
| 59/5 | Pentre Du, Bronnant. | 227 | 499 |
| 59/6 | Pendre, Penre Uchaf, Tregaron. | 335 | 701 |
| 59/7 | Trecefel, Tregaron. | 250 | 1,610 |
| 59/8 | Llwyniorwg, Tregaron. | 400 | 1,466 |
| 59/9 | Pant Farm, Llanddewi Brefi. | 160 | 373 |
| TOTALS | | £2,842 | £9,766 |

(B) Discretionary Grants Paid:

| Ref. No. | Premises | Amount of Grant Approved | Estimated Total Cost of Work |
|----------|---------------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------------|
| | | £ | £ |
| 59/A | Brynreithyn, Ffair Rhos. | 400 | 1,224 |
| 59/B | Glanmeurig, Pontrhydfendigaid. | 400 | 1,028 |
| 59/C | 1, Gwarcwm, Pontrhydygroes. | 400 | 1,162 |
| 59/D | Lower Cottage, Llanddewi Brefi. | 400 | 1,182 |
| 59/E | Bronallt, Llangeitho. | 367 | 859 |
| 59/F | Glownant, Llundainfach. | 188 | 482 |
| 59/G | Frongoch, Bwlchllan. | 201 | 730 |
| 59/H | Dolteify, Pontrhydfendigaid. | 134 | 342 |
| TOTALS | | £2,490 | £7,009 |

(C) Standard Grants Approved: The Housing and House Purchase Act, 1959 introduced, as from the 14th June, 1959, the new Standard Grants. Applications for standard grants were approved in respect of the following three houses:-

- 59/S.1 Maesbanadlog, Ystrad Meurig.
- 59/S.2 Brenig View, Llanddewi Brefi.
- 59/S.3 Tanrallt, Bwlchllan.

(D) Standard Grants Paid: None.

INSPECTION OF MEAT AND OTHER FOODS.

GENERAL : Regular visits were paid to slaughterhouses and butchers' shops for meat inspection purposes. Food vans, shops and other food premises were also inspected. One vendor, dealing from a van, sold fish which was falsely described as "hake" and legal proceedings were subsequently instituted. This matter and other aspects of the inspection of food are summarized below:-

Ice Cream: There are no ice-cream manufacturers in the area but ten premises are registered under Section 16 of the Food and Drugs Act, 1955 for the sale of ice cream.

Milk: There are only three distributors of milk, as defined, in the district, one of these coming from an adjoining district. There are, of course, a number of farmers registered as producers, who also retail milk.

Unsound Food: The following foodstuffs were found on inspection to be unfit for human consumption and were voluntarily surrendered for disposal:

From Shops etc:-

| | | | | | | | |
|-------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-------|--------|
| Canned Ham etc. | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 94lbs | 6ozs. |
| Canned Vegetables | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 61lbs | 5ozs. |
| Canned Fish | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | | 15ozs. |
| Canned Fruit | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 21lbs | 1oz. |

From Slaughterhouses:-

| | | | | | | | |
|---------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|--------|------|
| Beef Liver | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 104lbs | 0oz. |
| Sheep's Liver | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 33lbs | 0oz. |

| | | | | | |
|--------------------------------|-----|-----|------|-------|--------|
| Total Amount of Condemned food | ... | ... | 2cwt | 16lbs | 11ozs. |
|--------------------------------|-----|-----|------|-------|--------|

Meat Inspection: There were three licensed private slaughterhouses in the area, two in Tregaron and one in Llangeitho, all producing meat of excellent quality. Two hundred and forty visits were paid to slaughterhouses and butchers' shops for meat inspection purposes; inspections etc., are summarized as follows (see also Unsound Food, for quantities etc.):-

| | Cattle Excluding Cows | Cows | Calves | Sheep & Lambs | Pigs | Horses |
|--|-----------------------------|------|--------|---------------------|------|--------|
| Number Inspected | 111 | 0 | 0 | 2,033 | 6 | 0 |
| All Diseases except Tuberculosis and Cysticerci | | | | | | |
| (a) Whole Carcasses condemned | 0 | - | - | 0 | 0 | |
| (b) Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned | 18 | - | - | 33 | 0 | - |
| Tuberculosis only | | | NIL | | | |
| Cysticercosis | | | NIL | | | |

Bakehouses: An inspection of the three bakehouses in the area showed that improvements were required in all of them. One was provided with hot and cold water and generally brought up to a satisfactory standard; the occupiers of another built a new bakehouse, the old one now being unoccupied; improvements at the third should be completed early in 1960.

Legal Proceedings:-

Food and Drugs Act, 1955 - Misdescription of Fish.

A Tregaron housewife purchased fish at a van. Although she had asked for hake she had been supplied with whiting, and the price paid was about 1/-d. to 1/6d. a pound greater than the average price for whiting. The fish had been sold by a salesman acting on behalf of the owner of the van who operated from Milford Haven. I interviewed the salesman, who admitted that the fish was in fact whiting and not hake.

The sale had, therefore, been an offence under the Food and Drugs Act, 1955 viz: "If a person sells to the prejudice of the purchaser any food or drug which is not of the nature, or not of the substance, or not of the quality, of the food or drug demanded by the purchaser, he shall be guilty of an offence".

As the Cardiganshire County Council, as the Food and Drugs Authority, are responsible for administering this section, I reported the matter to the County Council's Chief Inspector of Weights and Measures, Mr. Douglas Jones. I subsequently visited Cardigan and Milford Haven with Mr. Jones where we interviewed both the owner and salesman and took statements from them.

Summonses were issued against both owner and salesman and the case heard at the Tregaron Court, the defendants pleading guilty by letter. The salesamn was fined £5 and the owner was fined £10 plus costs.

RODENT CONTROL

Rodent control is carried out on a part-time basis by the Council's foreman. There were no serious infestations of rats or mice either surveyed or reported in the district, but regular visits were made to treat the Council refuse tips and a number of private premises, mostly houses, were treated.

The Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food's "rat destruction contract service" ceased on the 31st March, 1959, and the Council was advised to offer a similar service to farmers. The Council, however, resolved not to make available a contract service, a decision which I feel is not in keeping with the Council's high Standards. However, upon requests from farmers and others, the Council's normal rodent control service is available.

FACTORIES ACTS.

There are twenty factories, as defined, within the rural district. This is an increase of one over the previous year. Nineteen of these premises were "factories with power" and one only was "a factory without power". With the exception of the Milk Marketing Board's Creamery at Pont Llanio these factories are very small.

The appendix at the end of the report gives statistics relating to factories in the area.

REFUSE DISPOSAL.

The present system of refuse collection whereby the Council use their own refuse collection lorry and workmen has now been in operation long enough (since April, 1958) to prove that it is far more efficient than the old contract system. Refuse is now collected weekly in all the larger villages and fortnightly in the more scattered parts of the district.

Refuse is disposed of by controlled tipping at two tips; these are situated at Tyndomen, Tregaron and Bryn Villa, Ystrad Meurig.

Over forty litter baskets and drums have been provided in villages throughout the district. The larger villages are now well provided with litter bins and less litter should now be thrown in the streets.

WATER SUPPLIES

Public Supplies: The South Cardiganshire Water Board is responsible for public water supplies. The Teify Pools scheme's initial stages are well advanced and will eventually supply water to most of the South of the County.

Private Supplies: (a) Twelve samples of water from private sources were submitted for analyses and the results reported to the Council. (b) The Divisional Office of the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food at Lampeter have submitted results of analyses of water samples taken from a number of farms, and the Council have agreed to the use of water for domestic purposes at twelve farms.

TREGARON LIVESTOCK MARKET.

Numerous improvements have been carried out at the livestock market, in addition to the normal routine maintenance and cleaning. The existing pens near the weighbridge have been considerably enlarged and provided with brick walls; five old pens have been improved by providing brick frontages and new single gates in place of the old double gates which were of poor design; the tenancy of the old yard at the rear of the Railway Hotel has reverted to the Council and is now incorporated in the cattle market.

It is anticipated that improvements to the cattle sale ring building will be carried out in the coming year.

PLANS, BUILDINGS, MAINTENANCE ETC.

Council Houses: The total number of Council houses remained at 94, but further consideration was given to building bungalows for aged people at Llanddewi Brefi, Tregaron and Pontrhydfendigaid, and the Council may be in a position to commence building in 1960.

Maintenance of Council Houses: The Council's maintenance staff consist of one maintenance foreman and one carpenter/painter. The painting of ten houses at Maesyderi, Pontrhydygroes was completed during the year, and a considerable amount of routine maintenance work was also done.

Private Houses:- Six private houses were completed during the year and two houses are now in the course of erection.

Plans Approved: The following plans were given building byelaws approval:-

| | | | | | | |
|---------------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|----|
| New Houses ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 6 |
| New Bungalows | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 2 |
| Alterations or Improvements to Houses | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 21 |
| Garages ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 2 |
| Miscellaneous | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 8 |
| TOTAL | | | | | | 39 |

Public Conveniences:

- (a) Existing: (1) North End, Tregaron and (11) Llanddewi Brefi.
- (b) Newly Completed: at (111) Pontrhydfendigaid and (1V) Station Road, Tregaron.
- (c) Under Consideration: at Ysbyty Ystwyth and Pontrhydygroes.

B.W. JAMES, A.R.S.H., M.A.P.H.I.
PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR AND SURVEYOR.

Factories Acts 1937 and 1948.
Parts I and VIII of the Factories Act, 1937.
Part I. (Inspections).

| Premises | Number on Register | Number of | | Occupiers prosecuted |
|--|--------------------------|-------------|--------------------|-------------------------|
| | | Inspections | Written Notices | |
| (i) Factories in which Sections 1,2,3,4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authority. | 1 | - | - | - |
| (ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority. | 19 | 7 | - | - |
| (iii) Other Premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers' premises) | - | - | - | - |
| TOTAL | 20 | 7 | - | - |

CASES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE FOUND - NIL.

Part VIII of the Act (Out-Work) There are no outworkers within the Rural District.

